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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated February 24, 2009, applicant hereby transmits (i) copy of the PTO Notification, (ii) Declaration and Power of Attorney, and (iii) Communication Indicating Practitioners To Be Recognized As Being Of Record.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Name of Inventor(s), Title of Invention, Serial Number, and Filing Date, thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.497.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge the \$130 surcharge for late filing of the Declaration, as well as any additional required fees, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted.

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- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/26/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/26/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 06/26/2006
- Specification filed on 06/26/2006
- Claims filed on 06/26/2006
- Abstracts filed on 06/26/2006
- Drawings filed on 06/26/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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